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Applicants hereby respectfully submit its Response to Restriction. This response is submitted within 30 days of mailing of the office action. As such, this Response is submitted before the shortened statutory period of one month. Therefore, no fee is required. Applicants appreciate the time and effort taken by the Examiner in providing the courtesy copy and in discussing the issue with Applicant's Representative.

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IN THE ACTION

In the Action, the Examiner alleges that the claims are directed to three inventions. Invention I is identified as Claims 1-46, 58-68, 72-74, and 76-77. Invention II is identified as Claims 47-57 and 75. Invention III is identified as Claims 69-71, and 78. The Examiner states that inventions are subcombinations that are separately usable and thus distinct. Therefore the Restriction is made.

ELECTION

Applicants make the Election of the invention identified as invention I listed as covered in Claims 1-46, 58-68, 72-74, and 76-77. However, the Applicants reserve the right to the alleged non-elected inventions.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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